

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

August 8, 2005 Meeting

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Those present were: Sue Lintz, East Minnehaha; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Jackie Emter, Ridgefield Junction; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Doug Ballou, NACCC Chair; Holly Gaya, Clark County Neighborhood Outreach; Dick Durland, Sherwood Hills; Mona Moyer, Pleasant Highlands; Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds & Friends of Clark County; Milada Allen, Felida.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Legacy Health Center hosted an open house and dedication on Saturday, August 6. In addition to the ceremony, 3,500 people toured the new facility. Bridget was publicly recognized by the CEO for her assistance, since the beginning of the project.
- Those that have attended the Clark County Fair this year, report that the air conditioning in the new exhibition center is being enjoyed by vendors and fair goers.
- Leadership Clark County is accepting applications for the year-long program that will start in September. For more information, contact Tom Hagley, (360) 313-1236 tom.hagley@vansd.org
- Because Neighborhood Link web host is difficult to use and not intuitive, Milada's sister has offered to create an alternative site and teach Clark County neighborhood leaders how to use it. The annual cost is about \$100 for the site. However, an anonymous donor has paid for the first year. NACCC members in attendance agreed that this is a great opportunity and would like to accept Milada's sister's offer for training. The site will provide a page for all Clark County neighborhood associations and NACCC. Milada will confirm with her sister, set a date and time, and let everyone know the next steps.
- A motion was made and passed to host a candidate's debate between Commissioner Steve Stuart and Representative Tom Mielke. The debate will be on October 3, 2005 at 1300 Franklin St. in the Clark County Board of Commissioners' hearing room on the sixth floor. Bridget was asked and agreed to organize the event.
- The Sgt. Brad Crawford Park dedication will be on Saturday, August 13 at 11 a.m. at NW 131 Street and 47 Avenue in Felida. Everyone is invited and Milada would welcome help setting up at 8 a.m.
- Pesticide Free Zone signs are available from Julie Johnson, Washington Toxics Coalition. (206) 632-1545 ext. 118 jjohnson@watoxics.org. There is a minimal charge for the metal signs.
- Doug has about a dozen of the slow down yard signs that were distributed several years ago. He plans to bring them to the next meeting for anyone who wants one.

- A joint meeting of Clark County and Vancouver City neighborhood leaders was proposed for our next regularly scheduled NACCC meeting. All in attendance thought it is a good idea. The meeting focus will be growth management and what it means to you, and will include a variety of experts to speak about the growth management process. Doug is finding a venue that will be convenient for the city neighborhood leaders. Please check your September meeting notice for the location of our September 12 meeting.

NEIGHBORHOODS USA CONFERENCE REPORT

Reports were given by Milada, Bridget, Bud, Doug, and Holly. Doug talked about NUSA organization, purpose of the conference, when and where it was held, who all went and who funded the trip (City of Vancouver & Clark County). Bridget presented the project that neighborhoods organized to feed the officers (who came from 13 Western States), family and friends who attended the memorial service for Sgt. Brad Crawford, who died in the line of duty in July of 2004. Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association received a 2nd Place Neighborhood of the Year award in recognition of this project. Neighborhood leaders from the City of Vancouver & Clark County presented at a workshop to about 50 people on the forum on building partnerships between neighborhood associations and organizations in the community. The forum was held on February 8, 2005 with over 100 neighborhood association and community leaders in attendance. They all attended a variety of workshops, met other neighborhood leaders from across the country and had an opportunity to take neighborhood tours throughout the greater Sacramento area and learn about some of their challenges and successes to make their communities more livable. The conference is a valuable learning tool for neighborhood leaders and it is hoped that the county will continue to provide the opportunity.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

East Minnehaha: Sue reported that the Parks Committee has been meeting and Steve Duh will be speaking to the committee soon. The neighborhood has two designated parks, one of which is a wet lands and the other is a water tower. Therefore, they have decided to focus their attention on the Walnut Grove Park which is nearby.

NE Hazel Dell: Shred Day The NE Hazel Dell association is partnering with the Stockford Village Business Assoc. to host a shred day on September 24, 2005. The Stockford Business Assoc. is paying \$100/hr for the service, which is provided by a professional shredding company. The neighborhood association is providing volunteers to assist at the event and the Clark County Sheriff's Office is partnering in their effort to reduce identity theft. This is open to the public and the first two boxes (about the size of a file box) are free. A \$5 donation is requested for each additional box.

The fifth annual Make a Difference Day will be on October 22, 2005. Neighborhoods are encouraged to gather teams and identify areas that need to be cleaned. Businesses are being

asked to donate gifts for volunteers. For additional information contact Bud Van Cleve at 695-1466 BSVANC@aol.com

Camp Bonneville is moving toward an early transfer. Bud participated on a six-member panel that reviewed bids and selected a contractor to do the cleanup.

Green Meadows: Art is the Chair of the Clean Water Commission and looking for land suitable for a low-impact, environmentally friendly development. Ideally, the project will include neighborhood input.

Felida: A representative from the Hazel Dell Sewer Dist. is going to speak about the expansion project at their next meeting. Williamson Pipeline will also present at an upcoming Felida meeting regarding the pipeline testing and eminent domain. Felida is planning a meet your neighbors get together in October. The neighborhood association is accepting donations for the Felida Park picnic tables and bricks. The Brad Crawford Park was originally scheduled for development in 2011, but due to community contributions, it may be sooner.

West Hazel Dell: Team 99 met with county planners and OTAK regarding the engineering proposals. The next meeting will be September 13. The cleanup of Jorgensen Park (3 Ave. and 72 St.) gathered neighbors to pull ivy from the trees and discuss they type of equipment they would like in the park.

Ridgefield Junction: Jackie Emter attended on behalf of Lee Wells. Welcome Jackie.

Pleasant Highlands: Mona reported that the neighborhood is continuing to participate in the growth management process. They are currently in moratorium. Additionally, they would like to connect the walking paths with the WSU walking trails. There is a neighborhood park and a community park in the area.

Fairgrounds: The Public Safety Fair at the Public Safety Complex will be September 17, 2005. A caterer has not be identified but this year there will be a dunk tank. Legacy Health Center is awesome.

Sherwood Hills: There are seven new developments in the area. Three are active and impacting the neighborhood.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Reviewed and Approved by Doug Ballou, August 11, 2005